

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CENTRAL COORDINATION OF DATA  
TRANSMISSION BETWEEN A TRANSMITTING AND A RECEIVING  
NETWORK ELEMENT

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Abstract

10 Terminals and applications which communicate with  
one another need to agree on a common protocol and data  
interchange format. Conversion functions are now  
offered as a separate service for widely differing  
formats and protocols in the network. Applications no  
longer need to support every standard, but can use the  
15 appropriate conversion service when required. A central  
entity is introduced in which the available converters  
register with this entity and store information about  
the protocols/formats which they can convert to one  
another. The central entity manages this information  
20 and makes it accessible to applications and terminals.

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